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Aadhaar Card for Mobile Connections
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make Aadhaar Card as proof for mobile connection;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and other stakeholders have been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the interest of the people who have not been issued Aadhaar Card has been taken care of and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d) The instructions regarding acceptance of any document as valid Proof of Identity/Proof of Address (PoI/PoA) document for obtaining new mobile connection are issued by Department of Telecommunications in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The letter issued by Unique Identification Authority of India conveying the name, address and Aadhaar number (generally termed as Aadhaar Card) has been included in the list of valid PoI/PoA documents for obtaining new mobile connections (except Assam, North East and J&K service areas) vide instructions dated 14.01.2011 after due consultation with MHA.

(e) It is not mandatory for a person to have Aadhaar Card for obtaining a mobile connection as the list of acceptable PoI/PoA contains many other documents also, some of them are PAN Card, Passport, Voter-ID card, Ration Card, etc. The list of such valid PoI/PoA documents is enclosed as Annexure - I to III.